towns of Greater Boston,
and when I came upon
a dodder entry such as
Cuscuta Gronovii, Willd. Pod,
June 1862; and Cuscuta Gro-
novii, Willd. Pod, June 1885,
Willd. Pod became for the
while a veritable Larrow
revisited, and I would
fain have broken out
in verse had the Muse
faculty resided within
me.

Most of my time
is taken up by the du-
ties of the telephone, but
my vacations and a
few odd minutes
daily are given to the
preparation of a Manual
covering the Trees of New-
England. The winter-buds,
flowers, leaves and fruit

(Medford, 7-III-'94.

Dear Mr. Higginson,

I have got pleasant
glimpses through your specta-
cles of plant-life in Cam-
bridge and vicinity in your
college days. It seems
scarcely possible that some
plants you have noted
could ever have grown
where you found them.
Dear me! the march of
improvement is not an
unmixed pleasure to us
all. I have found your
books interesting and sug-
gestive in various ways,
but I owe you an apology
for keeping them such

an unconscionable time.

The fact is – I feel a natural affinity for any man or woman who has ever used an interleaved botany, and, I suppose, though I have never stopped to analyze the sensation; that I found it very difficult to dispossess myself of an interleaved Bigelow that had once been a travelling companion of J. W. Higginson.

I have an interleaved Gray and should hesitate to trust it out of my hands. You have always looked upon men at their best, and it never occurred to you that you were endangering a precious possession.

I had the pleasure of examining at my leisure some years since an interleaved Bigelow that was the property of Wm. Bodt. He was a botanist, first, last, and all the time, and knew better the secret haunts of some rare dry plants than any other man of his day. I followed him in his trips through the

All the native trees will be reproduced from original drawings upon one page, opposite the descriptive text on the plan. That is, the plan will be carried out provided no one comes in before me on substantially the same basis. The book will be of about the size and type of the tourists' edition of Gray's Manual, with flexible covers, designed to be a pocket companion for the increasing number who are interested in trees. may, even like Thoreau, sometimes make appointments with them

I mention this place of mine simply to avoid suggestions - The drawings are two-thirds completed - The text could be finished in the next long vacation, but I doubt if it will be.

I haven't the same craving for work that I had in ante-bellum days; and I wonder at the amount others as old or older than I turn off without apparent effort.

With renewed thanks and apologies,

I am very truly yours

L. L. Dame